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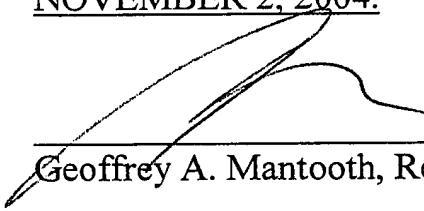
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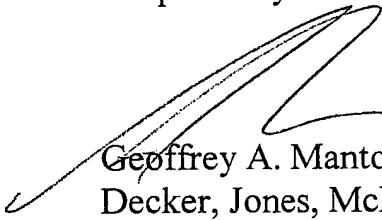

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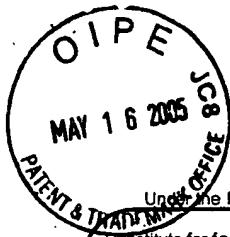
Upon information and belief, the Pig Ear Chips of the first reference are single layer products. The second reference are color photographs of a single layer pig ear replica product.

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Respectfully submitted,


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